

As a New Year's Gift Bassano Gets Return of Over \$12,000 Indebtedness

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LARGE SETTLEMENT OF GERMANS REPORTED COMING TO PROVINCE

Dominion Government Would Start Immense Dairying Industries With Rich Influx of Settlers into Centre of Province—Will Bring Men and Money—People of Best Stamp To Be Chosen

Edmonton, Dec. 30.—The Dominion government is understood to have granted sixteen townships in the centre of the province for a German immigration project, which is likely to bring the greatest and richest influx of settlers into Alberta that it has ever seen. From the meager details that have so far been divulged, the undertaking is to incur the expenditure of millions of dollars. Everything necessary for the settlers is to be provided. The farms they will take up will, in some measure, be patterned upon the ready-made farms of the Canadian Pacific railway, but they will be more complete, as the aim of the movement seems more definite.

The object of this immigration seems to be to develop immense dairying industries by these Germans who will settle here. This will be encouraged by the actual accomplishment of \$5,000,000 subscribed capital.

The first contingent is reported to leave from Rotterdam in the first week in March. It will consist of C. N. R. boats, and is expected to be located along one of the branch lines of the railway. Central Alberta chosen spot.

These immigrants will be pure Germans. They are said to be of a fine selection. Their families are chosen spot.

BLOODY BATTLE TO TAKE PLACE

Mexican War Would Be Love Feast Compared to New Year's Hockey Game

On New Year's day at 3:30 p. m. there will be, in all probability, one of the fastest games of hockey ever pulled off in this part of the province. For some time there has been strained relations between the single men of Bassano and the married contingent. Just now, no one seems to be able to explain, unless it is a case of jealousy. The single bluesmen launch say they are simply looking for an opportunity to make the old married stork look like a penny with a hole in it, and as a matter of course the beneficiaries will look to their horns.

Considering the intense feeling over matter the town should be able to witness a fast game. It will be held at Oscar Quirk's rink at 3:30 p. m. If you are a lover of the sport, you should not miss this opportunity of witnessing a real contest. This will be the first game of the season, and each side is anxious to get the first snap.

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To Old Subscribers

For the information of those who were on the subscription list of The News prior to the present management's assuming control, we wish to say that all who had paid in advance for the paper will continue to get it, without having to again subscribe. The present owners are in no way responsible for the old list, but in justice to the subscribers we are fulfilling the former fellow obligations. So if you were a News reader, you are now getting the paper, you need not anticipate being presented with a statement for subscription dues.

large, some having as many as ten, twelve and even eighteen members. They are not a select people, but rather have been designated people, but rather have been designated people, but rather have been designated people.

Everything that may be needed by these intending settlers will be provided for them out of the project, they may bring a good deal of household effects, but whatever they lack will be furnished. They all have not the money with which to begin farming operations here, but it will be supplied. All the money advanced in this way will be subjected to mortgages upon the farms taken up.

Skilled artisans are being brought over in this company of immigrants. The projects anticipated laying out towns and villages, complete with the usual municipal utilities and facilities. These communities will be patterned upon the modern advanced town plans now adopted in Germany. Houses will be constructed by the wholesale.

Industries will be established. The colony is expected to attain in the first year to a population of about 3,000 persons. The final arrangements will be made in the near future.

settlement here are said to be in course of perfection by Herr Schwiebo, who has recently returned to Berlin for that purpose.

BOARD OF TRADE TO HOLD MEETING

Every Man Interested in City's Welfare Should Attend

A meeting has been called for Friday night at 8 o'clock at the city hall by the Board of Trade. The object of this meeting is to reorganize the Board of Trade and prepare for more effective work for the year 1914. As was suggested by The News last week, the meeting Friday night should be attended by every citizen of Bassano who has the good and welfare of the town at heart. It should be the aim of everyone to attend this meeting and assist in electing competent men to the office, and to try to make something out of it. With a good set of officers, men who are competent and willing to handle the work, much good can be accomplished for the town. The News would like to see this meeting a harmonious one, and urges a large attendance. Let every one be present and express himself in open meeting, instead of waiting until the meeting is over. There should be no politics injected into it, for this is a matter which interests all to unite the business interests of the town.

Good Pictures at Gem

The Gem theatre Tuesday night showed some fine pictures. "The Crimson Stain," being a splendid production. Mr. Allen, the proprietor, is doing a splendid business, and is a never disappointed in visiting this place of amusement. Of course it sometimes happens that a picture is not quite up to the standard, but as a general rule the show is first class. None but high priced films are shown.

Public Notice

A meeting of the Board of Trade will be held Friday January 2nd, 1914 at 8 p. m. in the City Hall, for the nomination of officers for 1914.

It being the popular desire that the Board be re-organized and the year started in harmony. Every citizen interested in Bassano's welfare is invited to attend.

ARTHUR G. BOND, Secretary.

BIG SNAKE RAWS LONG SENTENCE

Bassano Justice Motes Out Severe Punishment To Indian Youth

An Indian, known as Big Snake, was last Saturday charged with a very grave offence, laid by the local police. Big Snake is alleged to have made indecent proposals to a little 12-year-old girl in the city, while the child's mother was away from home. Later it came to the attention of the police, who arrested the Indian and brought him before J. W. Hargy, J. P. No defence whatever was offered by Big Snake. In fact he confessed to the police, that he was guilty of the charge preferred.

The maximum punishment for such an offence is six months in jail and a fine of fifty dollars. Justice Hargy gave Big Snake six months in jail. He will have ample time to consider the seriousness of his offence.

GAMROSE GAS STRIKE TOWN IS JUBILANT

A depth of 1235 feet a large flow of natural gas was struck last Saturday afternoon. Drilling has proceeded only two feet in gas bearing strata and indications are that much stronger flow can be secured. Gas has been conducted in surface pipe some distance from the derrick and Saturday night it was lighted before hundreds of spectators. Pressure is sufficient now to supply all present requirements of power plant and town. Citizens are justly a great deal excited. Gamrose is another of Alberta towns that has struck gas. The report of several weeks ago was that on small flow of gas had been struck at only 500 feet, but the real find has now been made with an estimated flow of at least one half million feet per day.

King and Queen to Visit Paris

London, Jan. 1.—The royal couple will pay a state visit to Paris next spring, remaining there for a week.

The king and queen will be accompanied by the prince of Wales and the princess Mary with them. They will make their headquarters at the Hotel de Ville. The function will be a return of the visit paid to London by the French President a few months ago. Of course, however, the queen knows French much better than the king. Her majesty having stayed there on several occasions with her parents when a girl. It has not been very long, however, that the king visited the French capital.

An imposing list of festivities is to be organized in honor of their majesties' visit, culminating in a gala performance at the magnificent opera house.

Anglican Church Sunday School

The children connected with the Anglican Church Sunday School held their annual Christmas entertainment on Friday last in George Gebert's hall on Second avenue.

Assembling at 8 o'clock they were served with coffee and cakes, after which the most entertaining program was given in which the following took part: Misses Bonner, McNeill, Bennett, Holmes, Lee, Bransley and Anderson.

The appearance of St. John's, the traditional church, was the signal for loud and prolonged cheering, and when he had succeeded in robbing the town of all the good things with which it was laden, the children set out to play games, a wholly enjoyable evening coming to a close at 9 o'clock.

Superintendent of Missions Here

Dr. Shaver, of Calgary, superintendent of missions for Southern Alberta, for the Presbyterian church, paid Bassano a visit Tuesday, and conferred with the board of managers of the local church. He showed expressed the opinion that the church will soon be self-sustaining and will be taken of the list of missions.

Skating Rink Draws Crowds

Oscar Quirk's skating rink is proving a popular resort for lovers of the winter sport. Every evening large crowds congregate there and enjoy a spin. Later it is planned to pull off some good hockey games.

For Rent

Good warm four-roomed house. Electric lighting. Close to school. Enquire HILLY & SMITH.

Mr. and Mrs. James McLaughlin open the Christmas holiday visiting friends in Calgary.

Mr. Gilliam of Medicine Hat, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomson for the week.

Mr. Jacobs of the natural resources department of the C. P. R., was a business visitor here last week.

POLICE PARADE DEFENDING JUSTICE

Two Members of R. N. W. M. P. and Trapper Strangely Missing

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—According to a report received Monday by Commissioner Forster of the Northwest Mounted Police, two members of the force, Sergeant Harper and Constable Stevenson, as well as a packed named Richard Harrington have been lost in the Peace River district.

Although the commissioner hopes that the men are still alive it is altogether probable that they have perished. The three men constituted a patrol which left Saskatoon like in the Grand Prairie district, November 3rd in search of a fugitive from justice, who was supposed to be in the Porcupine river district. They expected to make the trip in 30 days but have not yet been heard from.

The patrol was last seen at Moose Mountain Creek November 11 by a party of trappers. The trappers subsequently found a rifle and a gun on the trail, but there was no sign of the patrol. There is considerable speculation as to what could have happened to the patrol. Sergeant Harper and Constable Stevenson are both reliable men who have been with the force for some time. The country through which they had to travel is rough and there are bad trails.

WHITE SLAVERY REPORTED AT ISLAY

Young Girl Brought Out From Scotland by Means of False Advertisement

Edmonton.—The fact that traffic in "white slavery" is not confined to the cities or the larger towns was brought to the attention of the Children's Aid department and the mounted police by a report from Islay, Alberta yesterday, of the deception practiced by a resident of that town to procure a young girl from her home in Scotland.

The girl, who is under 13 years of age, replied to an advertisement in a Glasgow newspaper for a companion girl for a domestic, but from Islay, Alberta, she was brought to Edmonton by the C. P. R. between a work train in charge of Engineer Fowler and conductor Flavel, of this city, and passenger train No. 13, north bound, in charge of Engineer John Gallagher and Conductor Dave Alexander, of Moose Jaw.

The work train was endeavoring to make Timmins to meet No. 13, and the collision occurred about one mile north of Timmins. Florence Keith of Moose Jaw, on the work train, had one foot badly broken and the leg severely lacerated. The Moose Jaw auxiliary job at 8:40 with Division Superintendent J. B. McTaggart on board. None of the passengers or crew of the passenger train were injured.

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ATTACKED BY AN ESCAPING PRISONER

During Effort Enables Man Facing Year's Sentence to Get Away

Emora, Ont.—Turkey Wood was the victim of a murderous assault last night at the jail, being struck just below the base of the skull and knocked unconscious by an iron rod in the hands of J. O. Babo, a prisoner.

The six or seven prisoners had just completed the evening meal in the corridor outside their cells, and as the turkey turned to leave, Babo struck him across the back of the neck with the iron rod. The turkey dropped to the floor motionless, and Babo dashed through the window to liberty, carrying a portion of the mesh with him.

Another prisoner, James McKenna, saw an opportunity for freedom and dashed down the hallway and was met by Babo. McKenna was struck on the head with the iron rod and fell. One of the prisoners came to McKenna's aid and McKenna was put back in his cell.

Babo had by this time secured a good start, and in the darkness it was impossible to follow him. He was making a good start, and in the darkness it was impossible to follow him. He was making a good start, and in the darkness it was impossible to follow him.

AMERICANS IN MEXICO MUST AWAIT ATTACK

U. S. Government Warns Citizens Not Expect Protection

Yves City, Dec. 30.—Warnings have been sent to the Americans at Tampico and the outlying oil districts that in case they become engaged in battle with the rebels or federales, unless attacked they need expect no assistance from the American marines and bluecoats who will be held at the scene.

These three towns are in the zone, but have been covered by the marines, so that any precipitate action on the part of the employees would render it impossible for the marines to make any adjustment of subsequent war damage.

HEAD-ON COLLISION ON PORTAL LINE

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 27.—A head-on collision occurred last morning at 10:45 a. m. between the Portal and the C. P. R. between a work train in charge of Engineer Fowler and conductor Flavel, of this city, and passenger train No. 13, north bound, in charge of Engineer John Gallagher and Conductor Dave Alexander, of Moose Jaw.

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FIRE DESTROYS \$20,000 STOCK IN CITY OF CALGARY

Second Fire in Wallis Block Does Damage of About \$500; Both Buildings on Eighth Avenue Burning at the Same Time—Live Wires Fall in Crowd Attracted by Blaze—Second Fire in Wallis Block in Two Weeks

After a period of many weeks in which there has not been a single serious fire in Calgary, two conflagrations, one of which resulted in the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of clothing in the store of the Semi-Ready Clothing company, 120 Eighth avenue west, broke out on Calgary's main street last night within 15 minutes of each other. The first came for the blaze at the clothing store and the second for a fire in the basement of the Wallis block. In the latter fire the damage only amounted to about \$500. While exact figures could not be obtained last night it is estimated that the loss at the Semi-Ready store will be from \$15,000 to \$20,000, of which it is not expected by insurance. Some damage to the stock of Glass Bros. shoe store next door was done by smoke and water. The Semi-Ready store is conducted by B. B. Lockwood and J. L. Feetham.

While the smoke pouring from the Wallis block in thick black clouds, and with the street crowded with hundreds of people, the spectacular effect was heightened by a live electric light and street railway wire both dropping to the ground. Sparks and thin tongues of flames shot from both wires as they whirled on the ground while the current passed through them. The wires fell in the midst of the crowd of spectators, but none were hurt. A stampede followed as the spectators sought places of safety. The police and firemen restrained all traffic across First Street at Eight avenue till repairs had been made. The loss at the Semi-Ready store was \$15,000, of which it is not expected by insurance. Some damage to the stock of Glass Bros. shoe store next door was done by smoke and water. The Semi-Ready store is conducted by B. B. Lockwood and J. L. Feetham.

Both fires started in basements. The causes were not known last night by either the fire department or the tenants interested.

MUNICIPALITY IS OWES NOTHING

With the coming of the new year Bassano has much to rejoice over. As the beginning of 1920 the town had a debt of over \$11,000 hanging over it.

With good management and economy has been cleared off all indebtedness and starts out on the new year with a fairly good bank balance and absolutely out of debt. That is something but few, if any towns, in Alberta can say and will be the truth.

Liberal Meeting

All Liberals living in Bassano and vicinity are urged to attend a meeting to be held in the sample rooms of the Alberta hotel on the evening of January 7 at 8 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the next year and the transaction of any other business that may come up.

J. W. HARGY, Secy.

City Engineer Hurt

G. W. Murtagh, city engineer, while at work at the standpoint of the water works last week fell and had four of his fingers front teeth broken out, and also a piece of the bone. He is getting along very nicely, but some dentists will get a good job as soon as Mr. Murtagh's mouth gets better. It was a very unfortunate accident and the attention of friends will regret to hear of his ill luck.

Frank Sanderson spent Xmas day in Brooks.

New Year's night—firemen's ball at Robinson hall.

D. A. Livingston returned Monday from Winnipeg.

Frank Davis, spent a few days at Florenville this week.

"Billie" McKeane spent Christmas in Brooks with friends.

J. E. Gettig, the well known rancher, paid us a pleasant call last week.

H. Heber, of Medicine Hat, spent Xmas in Bassano with friends.

W. S. Playfair has been over across the river for several days.

Frank Quinlan, of Redcliff, spent Tuesday in Bassano on business.

Jack J. McGillis left Bassano on Monday night for Penco, Washington.

Frank Murchison, the land man, was a business visitor to Calgary this week.

Tom Evans was in town on Tuesday from his ranch north of the Red Deer.

If you are not on the New subscription list, start 1914 right by subscribing for it.

Monks, Ad. H. and J. Lynch, of Calgary, paid a business trip to Bassano this week.

A. G. Bond left Monday for Toronto and other eastern points to spend a few weeks visiting friends.

A party of Bassano people motored out to Fred Hawkins' ranch, north of the Red Deer, on Tuesday, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hawkins for Xmas dinner. Among the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hunter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Shop and children and Miss Thompson.

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CONSUMER IS RELED

It is stated that recently there has been a marked decrease in the rush of Canadian cattle from Ontario to the U.S. There has been no change in continued rise in price. The only known reason for this dropping off of exportation is that Eastern Canada has been cleaned out. For weeks before the Underwood Tariff went into effect every shipping port on the Ontario boundary was crowded with Canadian cattle awaiting the free market of 100,000,000. As soon as the horns went down the cattle went out so fast that the shipping points were said to resemble Chicago stock yards. It is estimated by packers that since the Underwood Tariff came into effect fully 150,000 beef cattle emigrated from Eastern Canada to the American slaughter houses.

The result was an immediate increase in price in Canada. Last week at Toronto, choice cattle brought nine cents a pound. Toronto was declared to be the highest primary live stock market in the world, although it lies in the centre of one of the finest cattle cattle provinces on the Continent.

A shortage of meat in Canada is predicted, since consumption and exportation have drained the country of its cattle, while the free selling of cows will seriously affect the future supply by reducing the crop of calves.

Meantime the Canadian duty on meats ranges from three cents a pound, up to that the big packing concerns have no fear of Argentine or New Zealand competition. The Canadian consumer is between the upper millstone of exportation to the United States and the nether millstone of the tariff against meat importation. Small wonder that the cost of living increases and that Ontario cattle growers have protested to the Government against any lowering of the Canadian tariff. What will the Canadian meat eater think about it when he gets a chance to declare before the Borden policy of taxation by the mouthful and the Laurier policy of free food?

RUINING CANADA'S CREDIT

Premier Borden's extravagance and Hon. W. T. White's methods of finance have in little more than two years destroyed Canada's credit. In the world's money market, which Hon. Mr. Fielding and the Laurier government during fifteen years had put upon a footing which was the envy of every nation. When the Liberals were in power, British financial columns were straggle to such a heading as "Canada's Depreciated Credit" which adorned an article in the London Daily Mail on December 16th last. This is what the Daily Mail said—"Canada, until recently, stood easily higher amongst the Colonies and given, and not many months ago the Dominion of Canada's 3-1/2 per cent (there was no 4 per cent then) stood some half a dozen points higher than corresponding Western Australia stock, whereas now, the Western Australian 4 per cent recently issued at 97 stand at 2 premium, while Canadian 4 per cent issued at the same price stand at one-half discount."

Such a lesson, coming from an absolutely unbiased source, needs little comment. The government tries to cover up its unfortunate financial muds by blaming them on tight money. The financial stringency has affected the whole world, it cannot be that which tumbled Canada from the proud place it occupied amongst the world's financiers under the Liberal government. There is only one possible reason, Bordenism, bungling and extravagance. It is time the curtain was rung down on the farce being played. Canada, to preserve its credit at home and abroad, needs to return to the sane Government it enjoyed from 1896 to 1911.

What Others Think of It

Canada's credit is still suffering under the spectacular and inept management of Hon. W. T. White, Mr. Borden's Finance Minister. During fifteen years Hon. W. S. Fielding had carefully guarded the credit of the Dominion as one of its most precious assets. Loans were avoided as far as possible, and when they were required, such was the confidence inspired by Hon. Mr. Fielding's methods, that he was able to negotiate loans at rates varying from 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 per cent. These loans were invariably regarded as gilt-edged securities and were eagerly taken up by the British investing public. It was this ready appetite for Canadian Government securities which kept the interest rate down. It was the excellent condition of Canadian finance and Hon. Mr. Fielding's modest demands on the money market that whetted the appetite of the British investors.

Canadian credit thus stood high until the defeat of the Laurier government in 1911. It has remained for the Borden government, which came to office with loud protestations of economy to antagonize the big financial interests at London, because of its inordinate and incessant demand for loans. Where Hon. Mr. Fielding's offerings were welcomed as opportunities for sound investment and sold at a premium, Hon. Mr. White's latest \$20,000,000 loan was so coldly received that the "Pall Mall Gazette" referred to it as "The biggest fiasco that has been seen for a long time past in any part of the world." The London Morning Post was an even sharper critic, declaring that the Canadian Finance Minister had so clouded his financial methods that the English lenders could not find out the real standing of the Canadian Government. Mr. White had first tried to borrow \$30,000,000, but was brusquely told that he had

dipped into the loan market too often and had better curb his appetite by at least \$10,000,000. As a result when the Canadian loan was put on the market the British investing public bought just \$3,400,000 worth. The balance of \$16,600,000 remained on the hands of the underwriters who will have to carry this mass of undigested securities until the public buys them. And this, with a Canadian Government loan at 4 per cent, which was placed with the underwriters at 97 1/2.

GOVERNMENT LOVES SECRECY

What is the matter with the Auditor General's report? Months ago it was announced as ready for publication. Now it is understood that this report will not be issued until the time, enforced by law, before the expiration of thirty days from the opening of Parliament. The report tells the tale of all expenditures from March 31, 1912 to March 31, 1913—a year of the greatest Government spending Canada has ever known. The report apparently will be published about February 15, 1914.

Why this anxiety of the Government to avail itself of the last letter of the law before letting the Canadian people into the secret of its expenditures? The anxious is obvious—the good old Tory idea that what the common people do not know will never hurt them. The common people will not know how their money has been squandered a minute before the Borden Government can help it, and by that time the events exposed will be so old, that it hopes they will be forgotten. There was political prudence in Mr. Borden's determination to postpone the meeting of Parliament till January, 1914.

PRICES STILL SOARING

During November the cost of living, according to the Labor Department's scale showed an increase of two points, being 138.4 as against 136.8 in October. The main increases were in the necessities of life, such as beef, mutton, potatoes, milk eggs and similar articles, all of which were marked by dearer. The general average was reduced by lower costs of such useful articles of home consumption as pig iron, iron piping, and other large manufactured products.

It is admitted that this great increase in the cost of foodstuffs was caused by the natural trend of prices to level upwards to the United States markets since they had been opened by the Underwood system of free food. If the abolition of the U.S. tariff on food can raise the price to the Canadian householder, surely giving Canada free food can reduce the cost of living to the Canadian consumer.

AN ORGANIZATION OF CROOKS

There are in the world, it is estimated, 100,000,000 crooks, and Lord Welby, the British Statesman a few days ago. "They are politicians, generals, manufacturers of armaments and journalists—all of them anxious for unlimited expenditure and given to inventing scares which terrify the public and terrify Ministers of the Crown." Lord Welby continued that he could remember six war scares, each one made to order, and in each of which the public had been gulled. Each time the scare had been exposed later on, but each new scare took, and resulted in enormous expenditure on armaments.

It was the last of these men to order scares which Mr. Borden bit, and swallowed, hook, bait and sinker. Ever since then Canada has been, in the words of Lord Welby, "in the hands of an organization of crooks."

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

The retail merchants everywhere have had their innings this week, and apart from that there is not much of interest to say about the business situation. At wholesale the year end quietness prevails, and conditions will, as usual, drag along in holiday fashion until the New Year. Trade at retail this week has been very heavy, and the briskness in the shopping districts does not indicate that there is any scarcity of money. The trade in Christmas gifts and other requirements has been fully up to that of last year, and if figures were available we believe it to be considerably larger.

The weather is more seasonable, and clothing houses are having more active sales in warm weather lines. If the climatic conditions should continue winter-like from this out there is no doubt that merchants would still have a chance to dispose of merchandise, the movement of which has been retarded by the mildness of the season. There is a feeling of confidence in all business circles. The outlook continues encouraging, and many predict a greater swing to trade after the first of the year. The money situation is gradually easing up, and industrially prospects are promising.—Commercial.

The News would like to see a gas well sunk in Bassano. The gas is here, and we should get in the game as well as other towns of the province and secure cheap fuel, which means cheap power.

The Board of Trade will be reorganized Friday night at a meeting to be held in the city hall. No invitation should be necessary for any citizen of Bassano, for he belongs at the meeting.

Now that the holidays are about over we can get down to business in earnest, and endeavor to make the year 1914 worth while.

Tomorrow is New Year. Have your list of resolutions ready.

DIVORCES ARE NOT FOR THE POOR

Already thirty divorce cases are booked for the Senate committee next session, and more are coming every day or so. And still we stand apart and "thank God" that we are not even as the wicked American "publicans" who are so very lax about divorce, each of which requires a separate legislative law, but that does not apparently prevent us from still feeling thoroughly self-righteous as good Canadians.

Making divorce expensive seems to be the only idea we are capable of entertaining in Canada. We go on the assumption apparently, that the rich should have the chance of a "getaway" but the poor, being naturally unstable of morals, must stay tightly collared for ever.

It takes a thousand dollars to get a divorce in the "moral" part of Canada. This "moral" part consists of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. In the in-moral extreme, British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces, there are so utterly wicked as to possess their own divorce courts.

course where divorce is a matter of just rather than privilege. Personally, I am unable to see why it is laid more to pass a batch of divorce applications in a divorce court, and good morals to make thirty separate enactments of divorce.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy are the only people who are really consistent about divorce. They vote against all divorces on principle and whether for the rich or the poor. To be sure they set up their own little "No Divorce" device when it pleases them, but with divorce as divorce they have no dissensions.

As Protestants the rest of us cling blindly and stupidly to the conviction that to make divorce difficult and expensive is the only way to discourage general laxity. Perhaps it could prove wiser to make marriage difficult and divorce if not easy, at least quite as available for rich or poor.

At present we seem satisfied with the appearance of virtue. Perhaps in time we may grow ambitious to achieve the real thing.—Saturday Post.

EVERY SHIP LOADED WITH ENGLISH.

OTTAWA—Never before have so many recently arrived Britishers returned to the Old Country to spend

Christmas. Steamships have been loaded with them and every available accommodation has been utilized. The reason given by the immigration department is that they have plenty of money in their pockets. The prospects in Canada this winter are not as good as usual and they can have a pleasant holiday with the old folk.

"We are glad to see them go," said

an immigration official. "Why?" "Because they will come back here in a month or so and they will bring lots of their friends and relatives with them. They are the best class of people we get and we are glad to see them go back and bring more of them to Canada."

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TERRIBLE CONDITIONS

AT PORT NELSON

Captain Wrecked at Port Nelson
Exposes Government Mismanagement

When recently reports began to leak about gross mismanagement and waste in connection with the Government work at Port Nelson on Hudson Bay, a rush was made to cover the matter by other than official channels, with Hon. Frank Coleman as the chief claimant. But the truth would not come, and at the time when it becomes more and more apparent that the government has more than bungled the very commencement of the first important piece of work they have undertaken during their two years of power. Now Captain Robertson at the steamer "Albatross" which was chartered by the government, and wrecked on Port Nelson and wrecked on the ice, has given a signed statement of conditions at the Hudson Bay "terminal" which shows that the position is worse than was imagined.

Captain Robertson declares that the original reports of the terrible conditions at Port Nelson were altogether too moderate. His ship arrived at Port Nelson on September 14th after considerable trouble with ice in Hudson Strait. At Port Nelson there met terrible conditions, with the discovery that although the different channels had been accurately charted, the Marine department had either placed bays wrong or not placed them at all. It was owing to this Captain Robertson states, that the Government steamer "Albatross" was wrecked on the ice, and his own ship was almost wrecked at the same spot, while groping around for the channel.

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Be Prepared For Spring Seeding

Now is the time for farmers to consider the question of a good seed supply for next spring.

The greater part of the grain in the West was harvested under ideal conditions last fall and little difficulty should be met with in getting seed of strong vitality. Nevertheless, there are some individuals and even sections of the Western Provinces that were not so fortunate and harvest time had and have of doubtful vitality in their granaries for spring sowing.

Seed of strong vitality makes a good start, helps to keep down the weeds and finally gives the big yield while seed of poor vitality is a sure loss.

Therefore every farmer who expects the vitality of his seed should send a sample to the Dominion Government Seed Laboratory, Calgary, for a germination test. In order that the report of this test may be of greatest value to the farmer, preparatory to sending the sample he should first clean his seed as for sowing. Two often seed that is badly contaminated with weed seeds is sown. Every year the proportion of Western wheat and oats which contains weed seeds is increasing. Such grain must take a longer grade because no satisfactory method of separating it has been devised. Samples of this containing 10 per cent of weed seeds are only two thousandths of a bushel to approximately 300 bushels of wheat per acre. When the costs of threshing, handling and freight on this useless material is added to the loss occasioned by the injury to the growing crop, and not

profit per acre is very materially lessened.

This is the most badly contaminated seed which the farmer uses, and which is usually sown on new breaking land, land is practically ruined at the start. Farmers who have clean farms, or farms free from some of the most troublesome weeds—wild oats, wild rye, false flax, wild mustard, wild mustard, etc., should be very careful to use only clean seed.

The Seed Laboratory at Calgary is at the disposal of the farmers of the public and it is hoped that they will make use of it in their efforts to obtain a pure seed supply.

In former years most of the samples have come in to be tested in March, and April, overtaxing the capacity of the Laboratory and sometimes causing a delay in reporting on the samples.

It is therefore urged that samples be sent in as early as possible to avoid this delay and to enable the farmer to replace his seed who hereby finds it worth for use.

MOTER KIDNAPPED AND SHIPPED OUT OF TOWN

GREEN BAY, Wis.—Lying in a berth in a sleeping car with his head bound by a blood-stained bandage, Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, passed through this city early today on a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway train to which he claims, he was forcibly placed and guarded by three men through the city early today on a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway train, at two o'clock this morning.

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LARKIN TO TRY TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON.—The announcement by James Larkin, the leader of the Irish Transport Workers' union, was released from Mount Joy, Dublin, on Nov. 13, after serving but three weeks of his seven-months' sentence for sedition and inciting to riot, that he was coming to the United States to carry his "fery cars" mission to the laboring men of this country, raises the question as to whether he is a desirable citizen and fit to be admitted.

The immigrant inspectors at the port of New York have to decide the question as to what they recently in the case of the Suffragette leader, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst. "The question of the admission of James Larkin into this country," said Secretary of Labor Wilson last night, "will have to be passed upon by the inspectors at Ellis Island. My department has nothing to do with the admissibility of any person until his case has been passed upon by the local inspectors.

"If they should admit Larkin an undesirable citizen, then he can appeal from the decision to this department. In advance of his landing in America, I cannot tell what disposition will be made of his case."

WORCESTER, Mass.—Dying from injuries received in an automobile accident, a 15-year-old girl was brought unconscious to the city hospital yesterday and placed on the operating table. Dr. Charles Wheeler, consultant surgeon, was called. As he approached the operating table he almost collapsed. The girl was his daughter Anna, who had started from home a few hours before on a day of Christmas cheer among friends.

Stealing himself against his emotion, the father made an examination of the injuries that probably will result in her death.

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS FORM ASSOCIATION

Aim to Help Each Other in Trouble and Improve the Service

Edmonton.—With a considerable increase in the number of customs officers during the past two years it was felt that the time was ripe for the formation of an association in Edmonton, and recently the Northern Alberta Customs Association, with Mr. J. W. Shore, the collector of the port as honorary president, was launched into existence. The new institution has for its primary object the welfare of its members in case of trouble, the promotion of a good understanding, and is also to better efficiency in the service of the government.

The association, which boasts of over 40 members in all, is affiliated to the Civil Service Association of Canada, and one of its first accomplishments was to send a delegate to the annual convention recently held at Ottawa.

Mr. A. B. Stetter, who represented the Edmonton customs, had the distinction of being elected, in company with Mr. Carpenter, to present the resolutions and reports of the conference to Premier Borden. Amongst those through this city early today on a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway train, at two o'clock this morning.

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SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT IN AEROPLANE

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 25.—Oskar Bider, a Swiss aviator, made a successful flight across the Alps today. For several hours he was unable to see his way because of the heavy fog which hung over the mountains. The aviator arrived at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon after a journey from Bern, from which place he started at 9 a.m.

Bider said that after leaving the French aerodrome he was forced to maintain an altitude of 6,500 feet almost constantly in order to avoid the fog. He passed the Jura, the chain of mountains separating France from Switzerland, without being able to see any landmarks, but recovered his bearings on sighting the Jungfrau, one of the most famous mountains of the Swiss Alps about half an hour before he came to Bern.

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An Irish contrabandier, going to Dublin by train, stopped beside fine-class carriage with his baggage, and made himself comfortable.

Just before the train started, the contrabandier passed along, and, addressing the woman and the basket, said smilingly: "Are you first-class, my good woman?"

"Bogor, I am, and thank you," she replied, with a smile, "and how do you find yourself?"

An American motoring through a small town was pulled up for excessive speed.

"Didn't you see that notice, 'Dead Slow'?" inquired the policeman.

"Quere I did," returned the Yankee, "but I thought it referred to your dumb little town."

SOUTHERN RANCHERS TO FIGHT OPPOSITION

MEDICINE HAT.—The ranchers of the southern part of the province are holding a very important meeting here for the purpose of fighting the opposition in the government to the recent report of the ranching commission regarding the continuation of the leasing system.

The commission reported favorably to granting leases on ranches, which occupied government lands, but it has later developed that there is considerable opposition to the report and its adoption. For that reason the meeting is taking steps to emphasize their disapproval of this opposition and their favorable attitude towards the report of the commission. About 40 ranchers from various parts of the province and some from western Saskatchewan are in the city attending the convention.

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PRINCESS SOPHIA LEAVES HUSBAND

PARIS.—Princess Sophia, wife of Prince Elie Prits, the Kaiser's second son, has left her husband. She is staying alone in the Pitts hotel in Paris.

One of the principal reasons for the rupture is that the prince recently has grown very stout.

They were married seven years ago. She was the Duchess Sophia of Oldenburg. Prince Elie, who was then 22, fell madly in love with her at first sight, and the fact that she was five years his senior proved no bar to the marriage.

When the prince began to put on flesh the princess' affection cooled, and the imperial couple fell to quarrelling.

Despite the prince's supplications and the anger of the Kaiser, she left him the other day and came to Paris.

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Tempering With Trifles

WORLD HIGHWAY

I'm just a crazy, I don't know why, About the blue of the autumn sky, About the songs that the wild birds sing.

About the hills with their crowns of trees, About the chicks and the honey bees, About the ladies with heads all a-toss, Right now today as I ever was.

It seems to me like the sunset glow, Or the sunrise glory just can't grow to do;

Or the smell of the earth as I trail the plow—

It never was sweeter to me than now! An' the cabin here, an' the cows that moo

Sing as sweet for me as they need to do;

And the baby eatin' its' hawes bread is as sweet right now as in days that's fled.

I love the yellow an' wintry road, I love the break of the heavy load, I love the trudge of the steady team, I love to set on the road an' dream, I love the shrubs by the river brim, I love the lights when the day grows dim.

I love the clouds in the sky above, An' it seems to me I'm in love with love.

I love the babe with her clover chains, I love the field and their waving grains, I love the baby that come to me, To climb and cuddle upon my knee, With her toothed head up agin' my

SPECIAL PRAYERS

FOR THE NATION

London.—The churches throughout London, Sunday, conducted special intercommunion with prayer for the nation. References were made to the country's political leaders, and the exhortation was made: "Let us pray that we may be spared the calamity of civil war."

The archbishop of Canterbury, preaching in Canterbury cathedral, said that the spirit which Christmas came to drive out was the spirit of faction and class hatred. The value of our certainty upon controversial subjects was in proportion to our real understanding and appreciation of the thoughts of those differing from ours. He urged, regarding Ireland, "that we should not drift into mere anger and contempt of our opponents." The bishop of Lichfield said "the men who were concerned with nothing except the fortunes of their own political party are the worst enemies of Britain and Ireland. Civil war was a danger no matter whether the talk was a bluff or a real peril."

W. J. Bryan Gets Stewed.
MONTREAL.—William Jennings Bryan appeared before Recorder Geoffrion yesterday charged with being drunk and disorderly. He pleaded guilty and asserted the court he was not "the William Jennings Bryan." "Why didn't you stick to grape juice?" asked the clerk of the court. "I did," contended Bryan, and added, "a bottle of it was given to me as a Christmas present." The recorder released Bryan on suspended sentence.

Must Be Separated.
PARIS, Dec. 26.—The twin baby girls, who are joined face to face by a strip of flesh an inch thick, have been brought here to be separated. Before operating, the doctors found by using X-rays that the twins do not share any vital organs. They continually fought each other with their fists, until clothed in sleeveless vests, which imprison their arms. Now they are trying to bite each other.

HAIL AND HEARTY, AGED 109.

LONDON.—England's oldest woman, Mrs. Rebecca Clarke, 109, of Wood Green, near London, presided yesterday at the wedding breakfast of her baby son, Harry, aged 67. Cold weather prevented her from attending

the wedding.
At the breakfast she proposed the health of the newly married couple, ate the first slice of wedding cake, and recited a few verses of her own composition about her pet dog, that she held in her arms. She concluded the eventful day with a Christmas dinner party in the evening.



SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

The sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must be a person of good character, and must be a Canadian citizen, or a person who has been naturalized in Canada. The land may be made at the office of any Local Agent of Dominion Lands (not sub-agent), on certain conditions.

First—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may pre-empt any other of the homesteaded land, but must first make it known to the local agent. A satisfactory home is required in every case, except when residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader is

good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section of available Dominion land in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time he spent in each homesteaded quarter-section). Pre-emption may be made at the office of any Local Agent of Dominion Lands (not sub-agent), on certain conditions.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead rights and cannot obtain a stand in certain districts, may, at his option, pre-empt a quarter-section of land of such of three years, cultivate to acre and erect a house worth \$100.

Deputy Minister of the Interior, 6-10-14

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